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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Planning, Programming and Budgeting

SUBJECT : Planning Structure for Combined Progrem Call

- 1. In enticipation of the next Combined Program Call, we are re-examining the DDSAT planning structure with a view toward simplifying it as much as possible while retaining enough detail for internal management needs. We are looking particularly at our planning structure in the R&D Category as this appears especially to lend itself to more simplification, and also was, as you know, a source of difficulty between this Directorate and O/PPB during the last Program Call.
- 2. We understand informally that O/PPB may be considering the possibility of altering the Agency planning structure this year to include only categories and sub-categories. The DDSAT would welcome such a move and we believe it should be a fairly easy matter to agree on the planning sub-categories to be used. While we will want to plan our Directorate activities down through the element level for internal management purposes, this need in no way affect our agreement on the planning sub-categories. To help in schieving our mutual objective of defining a realistic Agency-wide planning structure, we will discuss our internal planning structure re-examination with you after we have discussed it with the individual DDSAT offices. We expect to have completed this task in two to three weeks.

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